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"THE COACH"

After many difficulties the scheme which the V.A.S.F.A. propounded two years ago of bringing out an F.A. "A" Grade coach from England will shortly come to fruition.

Mr. Len Young—the gentleman appointed—will leave England within a few days and will arrive here in May. Mr. Young's departure has been delayed while he took a refresher course under Mr. Walter Winterbottom for it was the wish of the V.A.S.F.A. that our coach should be right up to date on the very latest technique of coaching.

Plans for Mr. Young's operations were discussed at a meeting last Sunday of the sub-committee appointed by the V.A.S.F.A. to deal with the matter. This sub-committee, comprising Mr. N. Rothfield (Chairman) and Messrs. S. Horrobin, V. J. M. Dixon, C. Walker and J. Paul, has placed its suggestions before the Council of the V.A.S.F.A.

At first glance it would appear that Mr. Young's time will be pretty fully occupied for he will coach not only coaches, but Seniors, Juniors and Schoolboys. Clubs should give considerable thought to this matter, for in the course budding coaches will be invited to take a course under Mr. Young. As time goes by he will visit various clubs, schools and centres generally. All will benefit by his knowledge, and it is hoped that thereby Victorian soccer will become the standard by which other States are judged. It is costing the V.A.S.F.A. a lot of money to run this scheme. To ensure that this money is not wasted, all clubs must co-operate.

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"SOCCER" COPY LOST

We regret that owing to delay by the Railways in delivering our copy to the printers, Soccer News has had to be reduced to sixteen pages for this week. Much of our local news, including club reports and items by our news reporters, have been lost, and this has prevented us from giving the coverage of this week's activities that we would have otherwise done.

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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News to the Editor, V. J. M. DIXON, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham.

The opening games of the 1954 season proved that once more there is a great difference in the strength of First Division teams. South Yarra, after holding Moreland in the early stages at Fawkner Park crashed badly in the later stages and went down 7-1. The Brighton-Polonia match was a more even game, with Brighton taking the honors by the odd goal—a penalty.

The strong Hakoah side got a fright from Footscray City who at one stage were 2 goals up on them, but later took command and romped home by 8 goals to 3. Prahran led J.U.S.T. in the early stages of a rather dull game at Orrong Park, but faded later and the Jugoslav team ran home 5-2 winners.

Result of the Box Hill-Juventus game on Sunday was not to hand when this article was written, but a report will be found on another page.

Second Division results showed that newly-promoted Maccabi have found their feet. A 2-2 draw with the strong Preston side was a creditable performance. Sunshine City were too good for White Eagles and deserved their win of 4-0.

Park Rangers in their first Second Division game trounced their neighbors, South Melbourne United, by 3-1.

It is anticipated that the Moreland Club will allow Polonia the use of Campbell Reserve as a home ground when they themselves are not using it. This is a sound scheme and the more the few enclosed grounds are used the better for all concerned. Juventus also are looking for a club to share the Showgrounds with them. The Italian club are to be congratulated on their initiative in taking the Showgrounds, but the enormous rent asked is a shocking burden for the club to bear.

Early reports give the impression that our new photographers have been very much appreciated by our readers. The photos featuring the Brighton Club have received very favorable comment. It is hoped from time to time to feature other clubs also, but this unfortunately cannot be done each week owing to the heavy expense of reproduction. Readers may look forward to another similar feature in the near future. Within a few days now the Victorian team will be leaving for Adelaide for the Interstate Carnival. All good wishes will go with them from Victorian fans, and we hope our team will return with the Interstate trophy once more.

Efforts will be made to have up-to-date reports of the Carnival games in Soccer News the following week. Mr. Ray Carlson will cover each game for Soccer News and send daily reports. Unfortunately our photographers are unable to travel to Adelaide at Easter time.

At Easter week-end two rounds of games will be played in keeping with policy inaugurated by the V.A.S.F.A. three years ago. Games will be played on Easterday Saturday and Easter Monday and no doubt by that time we shall have a fair idea which teams are likely to finish near the top and which near the bottom.

PLAYING EXPENSES

By REX BENSON

Can a lead be taken from the "Lilywhites" of amateur tennis, with regard to expenses for players? What would be the outcome if our soccer players were granted £9 per day allowance, plus travelling, plus £3 a day for his wife if she accompanied him on a trip; all this if on tour, or off work to play? These sums, although seeming in the realms of fantasy, being above the salary of a General, were paid to the American amateur tennis players after the Davis Cup Challenge Round.

The answer to the charge of hidden professionalism appears to be complete frankness. Simply disclose that allowances are paid to those who wish to claim them in lieu of lost earnings at penalty rates at the week-end; then await the outcome.

There is little notice taken of the fact that the Australian Cricket XI, ostensibly amateurs, receive more on an English tour than their professional counterparts, because no secret has ever been made of the fact.

The latest attempt to throw a spanner into the works is the rumour that Australia will not be able to compete in the Olympic Games at Soccer, because there may be professional soccer in the country. This is farcical when one considers how amateur soccer in England comes under the wing of the Football Association, which also controls the professional game.

ENCLOSED GROUNDS

The closed season just gone has seen the biggest all-out attempt by clubs to obtain closed grounds, and one that has produced the most success so far. It is understandable that comments have appeared in the local papers, these events being taken as the thin edge of the wedge. In which case some more mighty thumps are needed to drive the wedge in deeper.

Is the view expressed by one writer the correct one, when he criticises the lack of initiative shown by the V.A.S.F.A. Council in the matter? By all means the Council could well advise clubs in the matter, but the securing and renting of grounds should be left to the individual clubs. Then they have a feeling of independent possession, and not the thought that by some possible whim of the executive, it may be taken away from them. Added to this, of course, is the possibility of favouritism. What a justifiable storm of protest would have been raised had the Council secured a ground and then allowed one club to use it.

I venture to prophesy that Brighton and Juventus will draw far bigger gates now that they are on their own "patch" than ever they attracted at Olympic Park, and will build up a local following. What is left now is to hold a pious hope that the soccer area at the new super Olympic Park will be more like a soccer rectangle close to the spectators, than the wide open spaces.

Our Cover

South Yarra goalie Shepherd, punches the ball over the bar from a corner kick by Peter Clarke, of Moreland, beating Reg Hardman (L.) and Engelborgen to the ball by a whisker.

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

CARNIVAL TEAM

The State selectors have selected a team that appears to be very strong in defence; however, the same cannot be said of the forward line. Newcomer to the State team, outside-right, Garncarczyk, was most unimpressive in the League match last Saturday. The best exhibition of right-wing play last week-end was given by the Juventus player, Bottari; he was responsible for most of the second-half goals. The selection of Vesovic for Adelaide brings to mind that whilst with Leichhardt-Annandale Club in Sydney he was the first New Australian to be selected for the New South Wales State team. His recent displays at left-half for Hakoah have been excellent and selection for the Carnival side is a just reward.

WELCOME BACK

Last week I mentioned that Moreland would be without Eric Heath. I'm afraid my statement proved incorrect, as this Moreland stalwart arrived back from England four days before our football season opened. Believe he played a few games for Blackhall C.W. in the North-Eastern League. Hope you didn't injure your Amateur status, Eric!

VERSATILE

Who was the First Division goalkeeper who from three o'clock onwards last Saturday played a big part in helping his team notch two points in a close game, whilst only an hour earlier had been helping to call the odds on the early races at Caulfield?

BOX HILL'S POOR FORM

It was pleasing to see such a large crowd present at last Sunday's match between Juventus and Box Hill. The entertainment served up to the customers was mainly provided by Juventus, as Box Hill played without dash and cohesion, and on the form shown look like having a hard battle to avoid relegation this year.

PAT-ON-THE-BACK DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the Editor and his ace cameramen, Nat Rothfield and Sam Gold, for the new "Pictorial" Soccer News. Last week's issue brought forth many favorable comments from around the clubs. Did you notice that queue outside Elsternwick Park! Brighton will need to watch the age of a few of those "juniors" going through the 1/- turnstile.

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4. All clubs please note that Nunawading S.C. ground is now situated at Morton Park, Blackburn (600 yards from Blackburn Railway Station, alongside railway line towards Nunawading). The new address of the Secretary, Mr. J. Travis, is "Sunnyside," Quarry Road, Upper Fern Tree Gully.

5. OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES—
The following matches have been arranged:—
Saturday, 10/4/54—Juventus v. Polonia.
Sunday, 11/4/54—Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Saturday, 17/4/54—South Yarra v. Juventus.

6. POSTPONED FIXTURES—
Due to players travelling interstate during Easter, 1954, to represent Victoria, matches as follows are hereby postponed:—
First Division, 17/4/54—Hakoah v. Moreland.
First Division, 19/4/54—Brighton v. Hakoah.
First Division, 17/4/54—J.U.S.T v. Brighton.

7. ALTERED FIXTURE—
First Division, 15/5/54—South Yarra v. Hakoah match to be played at St. Kevin's Oval and not Fawkner Park.

8. Dandenong Rovers S.C.—The new Secretary is Mr. J. Newman, 16 William Avenue, Dandenong, who replaces Mr. W. Lord-Milnes.

9. The Official Soccer Broadcast will commence on Friday, April 9, over Station 3UZ at 6.45 p.m., and will conclude at 7.15 p.m. All clubs are advised to listen to this programme which will include all up-to-date information on the matches to be played on the following Saturday. A further announcement will be made on this broadcast at a later date in Soccer News.

10. TELEPHONING OF RESULTS—
Despite consistent reminders to clubs on this matter, phone calls were not received from the following Clubs: Bayswater, Park Rangers, Werribee, I.C.I. In addition, many results were not phoned until late in the afternoon. It is understood that difficulties may and do occur at times, but it is in the interests of Soccer that all results be received.
The Association expects the co-operation of all clubs and it is trusted that next week all results will be to hand at the correct time. No Fourth Division Reserve table can be published this week.

11. POSTPONED FIXTURES—
Further matches postponed during Easter, 1954, are—
17/4/54—Box Hill v. Polonia.
19/4/54—Polonia v. Footscray City.

S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

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Pot Shots—Continued

COUNTRY TEAMS

One of the Second Division League fixtures last Saturday was between Geelong and Yallourn. What a wonderful thing for soccer in Victoria that teams so far apart can meet in a competition game! Any team travelling to these centres can always be assured of a hard game—with a good measure of hospitality afterwards.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER PLAYER IN ENGLAND

If I were to ask you how do Australian soccer players compare with those in England I have a fair idea what the answer would be. There is one Australian who has really made the grade in the Old Country. He is "Josa" Marston, formerly a full-back with Leichhardt-Annandale, where he represented New South Wales and Australia many times. For the last two seasons he has been first choice at centre-half for Preston North End. On Saturday, May 1, he will be taking part in the game's glamor match, that of the Cup Final at Wembley stadium. The opposition is the team of the year, West Bromwich Albion, so Marston and his team-mates will have a tough battle to collect the Cup.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

"POSER"

A full-back, to prevent the centre-forward from getting the ball, deliberately handles it in his own penalty area. The referee sees it, but does not award a penalty. Why? A simple answer that will be given later!

RIGGING REPAIRS

Although only a practise match, it was surprising to see the ball burst through the Brighton side netting when Hakoah scored in the first half at Elsternwick Park. The rigging should be securely fastened and checked before the game to avoid any suspicion of the ball entering the net from the side. Such an incident led to the Runcorn team walking off the field during an F.A. Cup qualifying round this season, and led to a full inquiry.

STANDARDISING GOALPOSTS

The Hakoah-J.U.S.T. "Friendly" started late owing to the breaking of a cross-bar during the preceding reserve trial. It was, of course, of wood. It seems a little-known fact that the goal posts used here would be unsuitable for the English League. Almost all of these are of hollow iron, and conform to the rule, adopted just before the War, that uprights and cross-bar must be rounded, presumably to avoid accidents.

TEAM LISTS

Team secretaries are advised that Ken Moses is unlikely to renew the favor of printing in his Saturday sporting column team lists that were not sent in in time for publication earlier in the week.

COLOR CLASH

The color of the Moreland shirts is akin to old gold, and quite smart they look. Unfortunately, in the game against South Yarra, both goalkeepers chose to wear orange jerseys, which made a color clash that could have been worse on a muddy day.

HOLDING UP PLAY

Some referees seem to have overlooked that part of the rule expressly addressed to them which states: "A player who is able to go to the touch or goal line for attention of any kind, shall not be treated on the field of play."

At the other extreme, two over-zealous members of the Hungarian team against England did not prove popular with the English trainer. When an England forward lay injured on the field they smartly carried him to the touch line. It was rightly considered that this might have aggravated an injury. The rule obviously deals with a player who can make his own way.

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Sunday at Olympic Park—

JUVENTUS DOWNS BOX HILL

By JOHN OLIPHANT

Once again the roar of the soccer fans was heard at Olympic Park on Sunday, when last year's League champions, Juventus, played against Box Hill.

About 7000 people witnessed Juventus defeat Box Hill, 5-0. Mr. Nicholson, Box Hill secretary, said that three of their best players didn't play, having been injured in their last training game. A. Reynold, who played in the Victorian team against the Chinese last year, is out with a twisted ankle; G. Leach, regular right-back, and Morrow, a newcomer to Box Hill, are also on the injured list.

Juventus put on a good show, and from the start it was obvious that the team is in good condition. The first goal was scored by Rubini from a penalty kick, and Plateo increased the score to 2-0 before half time. Box Hill was lucky when Jack Holden, right full-back, kicked two balls out of his own goal after Bibic, Box Hill goalkeeper, let them through.

The second half was just as fast as the first and before long Botari scored the third goal after some brilliant passing. Plateo, who played centre-forward, scored a most spectacular goal to the delight of Juventus followers. The fifth goal was scored by Zavatier, who played a very good game at outside-left.

Juventus well deserved their victory against tough opponents, because they played their normal game and refused to be upset by some spectators.

Great things are expected of Juventus this year by their officials and followers alike. The President of Juventus, Mr. N. Borsari, tells us that his team under the guidance of their International coach, A. Szalay, will be the best disciplined club in Melbourne this year, but of course, he says, "you know, we can't be responsible for some over-enthusiastic spectators." We are also told that soccer wouldn't be the game which it is reputed to be all over the world if people behaved as though they were at a Sunday School. Even in England spectators and players let themselves go occasionally. I am also reminded about the scene at a Scottish Cup game last year when the "Bobbies" had a hard job to calm certain Scotsmen, they must have something in common with our Continental people.

A. Szalay, Juventus coach, has played for Hungary in 16 different countries, including South America. His last coaching job was in Italy, where he successfully coached a famous team called "Pro-Patria." He tells me that if a player is late for training he is not allowed to strip, and that means that he is out of the team for a week. Mr. Szalay tells me that he is under contract to Juventus until the end of the season. He receives a substantial sum of money, and another job goes with it—not bad at all! Anyone else looking for a coaching job?

JOHN. P. OLIPHANT.

STATUS COMMITTEE

What was undoubtedly one of the greatest steps forward in our efforts to settle the vexed question of the status, "Amateur" or otherwise, of certain individuals was made at a meeting held on Wednesday of last week, and attended by Mr. Edgar Tanner, of the Olympic Council, and Messrs. W. R. Thomas (Chairman), H. C. Dodd, F. Lang and R. Lawrence, Independent members of the Council of the V.A.S.F.A.

The three lastnamed are to sit as the Status Sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. H. C. Dodd, and the object of the meeting was to obtain from Mr. Tanner and also Mr. Uren, who was unfortunately unable to attend, a full and complete understanding of the laws and requirements of the Olympic Council in regard to Amateurs and the reinstatement of players who have infringed the Amateur Rule.

The matter was discussed at great length and a number of possible cases were considered and advised upon by Mr. Tanner. Further, the validity of any action in the V.A.S.F.A. under its present constitution, may take in this matter was held to be in order, so long as such action complies with the rules of the Olympic Council.

Interesting points from the meeting were:

1. Reinstated Amateurs can play for their clubs, but not for a team competing in the Olympic Games.
2. Except in special cases, where communication is impossible, it is necessary for any applicant for reinstatement to obtain such reinstatement from the Country in which he infringed the Amateur Rule, before consideration can be given by the Council of the V.A.S.F.A.
3. Where such reinstatement is impossible, due to there being no means of communication, the V.A.S.F.A. shall have power to grant or refuse reinstatement as it may consider fit.
4. The V.A.S.F.A. shall reserve the right to refuse registration of undesirable players.

As a very generous final note to the meeting, Mr. Tanner stated that he and Mr. Uren would be pleased to sit with our Status Committee in an advisory capacity. This offer was gratefully accepted and our committee now has every confidence in its powers to handle all such cases that may come before it.

It is the wish of the council that all who have a satisfactory case for reinstatement shall have an early opportunity to get back into the game, but every effort will continue to be made to protect the Amateur Status of the game in this State.

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SOCCER IN SOUTH AMERICA

By SID GRANT

All South American republics are soccer crazy but there is little doubt that Brazil tops the list.

In this land wherever you may see a vacant block of land, you will see boys kicking a soccer ball thereon. Even on the beaches they can be seen practising trappings, passing and all the necessary tricks so associated with the game.

When the World Cup final was played at Rio in 1950, Uruguay beat Brazil and two world records were established.

(a) The crowd of 200,000;

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For the whole series of matches played in that World Cup series, the aggregate attendance was 1,589,250 and total receipts were £710,000 — staggering figures indeed.

Soccer in Brazil is extensively organised and the game goes from success to success. There are 20 states and five territories in the country and in all the game simply booms.

Professional leagues are numerous and the strongest exists in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santos, Minas Gregais, Bakia, Juez Fora, Parana, Pernambucco and Rio Grand de Sul.

The best soccer is seen in Rio and Sao Paulo where professional players receive £25 a match. In Rio the great club Vasio da Gama, with a club ground of 80,000 capacity, and in Sao Paulo the big ground there houses 88,000, while the Municipal Stadium in Rio holds 200,000. Of that number, 120,000 are seated under cover.

Fans are most excitable and concrete moats are built around the playing pitches and high wire fences are erected around the retaining fences to keep the fans at safe distances.

Some idea of the value of Brazilian players is given by the estimated £260,000 which would be required in transfer fees for the Brazilian team which appeared in the 1950 WORLD CUP series. Of those players, the centre-forward Ademir is valued at £35,000. Zizinko and Jair, the outside-forwards, are each valued at £30,000, while Borbosa, the goal-keeper, was valued at £12,000.

ARGENTINA

Argentina is a powerful soccer nation as it has won nine South American championships out of 20. The game there started in 1867 and was entirely amateur until 1930. Today, 18 teams compete for the national professional championship in Buenos Aires. Nine matches are played each Sunday and attract 350,000 fans. Best club is the Racing Club, and others are Boca, River Plate, Independence, and San Lorenzo de Almagro.

Players in Argentina football never charge an opponent but they are real ball artists.

CHILI

The game is steadily improving in this country. The return of the Robledo brothers from England has given the game considerable boost. Main centres are at Santiago. Here the stadium holds 66,000. It is 3,000 feet above sea level.

Both amateur and professional soccer is played in Chili.

In all, Chili has won about 30 of its 97 international games played to date.

The international right-winger, Carrasco, is regarded as the fastest in the world.

URUGUAY

Uruguay has played in 200 international games since 1900. The championship consists of 10 clubs, including Penarol, National and Liverpool.

The central stadium at Montevideo has room for 90,000. League (or premiership) matches are usually abandoned if it rains. The national side is generally coached for many months prior to a major international fixture.

Other States in which the great round ball game is legion are: Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Paraguay and Ecuador.

Yes, soccer HAS boomed in South America because players are keen and quick to learn, their positional play is good, ball control excellent and use of the "open spaces" perfect.

All countries are soccer conscious and national fervour prevails — only the best will do. Temperamentally, the players are all excitable, especially Brazilians and Argentinians, but their excitement can be attributed to national desperation to win.

Despite the excitable nature of spectators, they are most generous in acclaiming visiting sides and high praise of their generous applause comes from outstanding British sides, Arsenal, Motherwell, Hibernians, and many others who have visited them.

Many prominent British referees go there and it is not surprising because leading whistlers are pair £150 a month.

That figure, however, is not much when it is revealed that special bonuses of up to £150 are paid to players who may score a much needed goal, or goalkeepers who stop a penalty kick which would have had disastrous consequences if converted.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

PRESTON

On season again and looking towards better things. The game against Maccabi opened on a scrappy note, with the latter settling in the better and providing a spectacle of things to come as far as the newcomers to the division are concerned. Half-time result, 2-0, in favor of Maccabi.

Early in the second half Preston settled down and started to show better form, the lead being reduced by a penalty taken by Carnegie. The equaliser was a wonderful opportunist goal by Ern, the centre-forward. Players outstanding for Preston were J. Smith and K. Marson, a junior. A word of praise for everybody's scapegoat, the referee, for a grand display. Result, 2-2. Forward!

COBURG UNITED

Both teams travelled to Dandenong and failed to register a victory. The Senior team played a fast and vigorous game throughout. Coburg registered the first major after a scrimmage in front when Stewart netted. From then on Coburg were unable to penetrate the solid defence of Dandenong, who played a more scientific brand of football. At half-time Coburg were down 3-1.

After resumption, Dandenong went ahead, but for the do-or-die effort of the Coburg defence lines they would have scored more than one goal in the second half. Final score: Dandenong 4, Coburg 1.

The Reserve team, who were not at full strength, played a meritorious game to hold Dandenong down to a two-goal victory.

Coburg heartily thank Dandenong for the "cuppa" for the boys—E.H.

SOUTH YARRA

The first game of the season, and big expectations were hoped for from the Yarra team, but it was not to be and Moreland ran out easy winners by seven goals to one. It certainly points out that unless players of the Yarra club train as a team and practice moves together while training, they will have a lot of very hard games. Much good work was undone by players of the home side not anticipating moves from their own team-mates and lack of training. A lot of talk re bad luck does not win games. Certainly, it must be admitted, that a gift goal by a defender of the Yarra side, a penalty missed, and the cross-bar hit twice with the goalkeeper well beaten, not to mention the ball that hit the inside of the upright and bounced out, might be demoralising to a side, but the fact remains that once again Yarra defence were overworked to a man. On Moreland's showing in this game, they are a force to be reckoned with, and barring accidents happening to them, the Moreland side will be up among the leaders. Scorers: Yarra, McNiel 1; Moreland: Hardiman (3), Engelvogen (2), Loughran. Yarra own goal. Final: Yarra 1, Moreland 7.

South Yarra Reserves won their first game against Moreland Reserves by 2 goals to 0. Scorer for Yarra, McLean (2).

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Brighton, whose side included some reservists as well as a nucleus of their more seasoned players.

Mr. W. R. Thomas, President of the Council, took the opportunity to visit us along with Brighton and to look over the locality and folk of our club. His party also called at the Home Hotel, conducted by one of our sponsors, and enjoyed the Sunday evening floor show. Two of the visitors (Mrs. Beryl Lott and Mr. Pat Sturgeon) added to the entertainment with microphone items.

Last Saturday was our team's debut in the Fourth Division of the Metropolitan League when Ukrainia visited our ground. With perfect weather and the ground in good condition, the season seemed set to open with happy prospects. The all-Ukrainian side looked fit in yellow shirts and light-blue shorts. The official referee did not arrive, and the game was handled by M. Dalvowski, of U.Y.D. After a ragged first half, Ukrainia had the edge on U.Y.D., 2 goals to nil. Through the second half U.Y.D. still did not seem able to unify, and Ukrainia managed to out-manoeuvre the locals each time a concerted effort towards a goal got under way. The result of 5-0 in favor of Ukrainia is a fair indication of the relative standards of the teams on the day.—E. K. DAWSON, U.Y.D.

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A new soccer season is now here and much has been done in this area for the advancement of soccer. In November, 1953, R.A.A.F., East Sale, travelled to Bairnsdale to play a team that was formed for the occasion, and they gave R.A.A.F. a beating by 7-0 on a saturated pitch. This was the first soccer match in Bairnsdale. Early in December, soccer made its bow in the City of Sale when R.A.A.F., East Sale, met and defeated A.P.M., Maryvale, 1-0, at the Sale Football Oval. From that game came the formation of Sale United.

The formation of a club at Traralgon, known as Traralgon Tigers, and the securing of five acres of land at Morwell by the Association from April 1, and on Friday, March 26 the L.V.S.F.A. began its second year of soccer broadcasting on 3TR Sale. An interview began the session when I had the honor to interview Mr. F. Parker (President) and Frank McIver (Secretary) of the L.V.S.F.A. Later that evening both these gentlemen were interviewed on the A.B.C. Regional Station 3GI Sale, by Don Closs, the Sports announcer.

A successful season for the game here is certain—a Radio Session on Fridays, full reports on the game, local Press assisting us, and three games weekly in the area (Sale and Traralgon weekly), and the other games at either Morwell, Moe or Yallourn.

The Senior clubs in Morwell, Traralgon, Moe and Yallourn are hopeful of fostering boys' teams, and as soon as Sale United have started their League fixtures, we hope to get a boys' team in Sale as well.

To all other Associations in Victoria, a successful season from the L.V.S.F.A. and we intend to retain the Garrick Cup.—PETER McMAHON, L.V.S.F.A.

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JUNIOR SECTION

BREACH OF RULES—

Club Secretaries are advised that it is an offence to forfeit games without notifying their opponents and the Secretary of the Association within reasonable time to permit match arrangements to be cancelled. This is covered in League Rule No. 10, Para (d). Clubs who offended in this manner in the opening round of League matches last Saturday were: Sandringham City, Fairfield and Coburg United.

Brighton club contravened League Rule 10, Para (e) in that they failed to phone the result of their Under 14 game to the official receiver of results.

Under League Rule 10, Para (a) and Para (d) clubs can be fined for insufficient notice being given when forfeiting games.

CLAIMS FOR POINTS—

All claims for points against defaulting teams must be received by the Association Secretary within three days after scheduled date of match, otherwise the claim may not be entertained.

FINES—

All fines imposed by the Association for any breach of the rules must reach the Secretary of the Association within 14 days of receiving notice.

GAMES NOT PLAYED ON APRIL 3—

Under 20: Sandringham City forfeited to Preston.

Under 17: Fairfield forfeited to Sunshine United.
Sandringham City forfeited to Box Hill.

Under 15: Park Rangers failed to put in an appearance at Brighton. (Matter to be investigated,)
South Melbourne United forfeited to I.C.I. (Deer Park).

Under 14: Brighton "B" versus Brighton "A"—Result not to hand.
Coburg United forfeited to Park Rangers.

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 4, 1954

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Moreland	1	1	0	0	7	1	2
Juventus	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Hakoah	1	1	0	0	8	3	2
J.U.S.T.	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
Brighton	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Polonia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Prahran	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Footscray City	1	0	0	1	3	8	0
Box Hill	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
South Yarra	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Park Rangers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Preston	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Maccabi	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Yallourn	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Geelong	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
George Cross	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sunshine United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sth. Melbourne	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
White Eagles	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hellenic	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Dandenong	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Sandringham City	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Williamstown	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Slavia	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Frankston	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Fairfield	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Moorabbin City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Coburg	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
F.N.D.	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

Fourth Division

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P
I.C.I.	1	1	0	0	8	1	2
Maribyrnong	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
Ukrainia	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Wilhelmina	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Shell	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
University	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Slovakia	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Upper Yarra Dam	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Nunawading	1	0	0	1	0	7	0
Heidelberg	1	0	0	1	1	8	0

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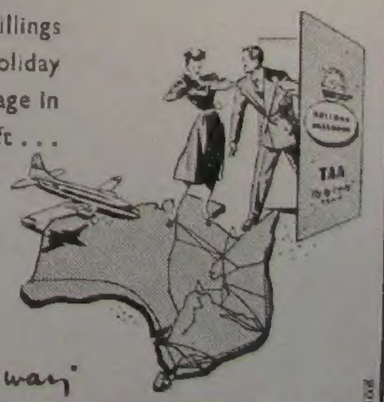

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 3, 1954

Under 20 Division

Brighton	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
Pascoe Vale	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Sunshine United	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Sunshine City	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Hakoah	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Juventus	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Polonia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Frankston	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
Footscray CIO	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Preston	Opening game not played.						
Sand'ham City	Opening game not played.						

Under 17 Division

Sunshine City	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
Brighton	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Pascoe Vale	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
St. Kilda	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Moorabbin City	1	0	0	1	0	7	0
Prahran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	Opening game not played.						
Sunshine United	Opening game not played.						
Box Hill	Opening game not played.						
Sand'ham City	Opening game not played.						

Under 15 Division

Sunshine United	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Essendon	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Pascoe Vale	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Preston	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Sunshine City	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Moorabbin City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	Opening game not played.						
Park Rangers	Opening game not played.						
Sth. Melb. Utd.	Opening game not played.						
I.C.I. (Deer Pk.)	Opening game not played.						

Under 14 Division

Moorabbin City	1	1	0	0	15	0	2
Box Hill "A"	1	1	0	0	8	0	2
Prahran	1	1	0	0	8	0	2
Hakoah	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Sunshine City	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sth. Melb. United	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Box Hill "B"	1	0	0	1	0	8	0
Fairfield	1	0	0	1	0	15	0
Brighton "B"	Result not phoned.						
Brighton "A"	Result not phoned.						
Park Rangers	Opening game not played.						
Coburg United	Opening game not played.						

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